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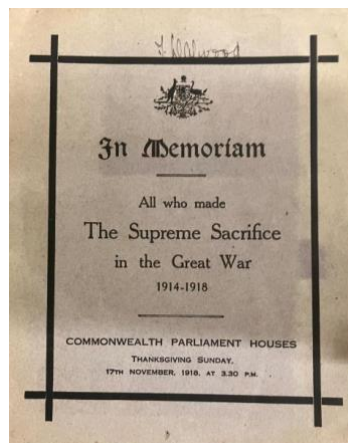
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Forthcoming Anniversaries

28 July 1916: Sgt Claud Castleton, 5 MG Coy, awarded the VC for his actions near Pozieres. He died during the action
28 July 1942: Australians capture Kokoda from Japanese
29 July 1942: Japanese retake Kokoda
30 July 1916: HMAS Pioneer bombards Dar Es Salaam, Tanganyika (now Tanzania)
31 July 1962: AATTV arrives in South Viet Nam
2 August 1950: RAAF 77 Sqn completes 800 sorties in Korea
4 August 1900: About 3000 Boers attack Elands River Post, mostly manned by Australians, killing most of 1500 horses, mules and oxen. Four Australians were killed in the subsequent siege

In Memoriam – The Great War



This is the Order of Service for the Commonwealth's ceremonial church service to remember Australia's sacrifices in the Great War. It was held at Commonwealth Parliament Houses (now the Parliament of Victoria) Melbourne (then Australia's capital) on the afternoon of Sunday 19th November 1918. Australia had suffered 62,000 killed and 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner, out of a population of under five million.

The programme listed hymns and readings by chaplains from the Church of England, Presbyterian Methodist, Congregational Churches, the Salvation Army & the Hebrew Chaplain. The Roman Catholic Church did not participate.

Hymns included were: *O God, our help in ages past, Nearer, my God, to thee, Oh God our help in ages past and God save the King.*

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Defence

'Threat detectors': Australia issues first batch of counter-UAS system contracts: [\(M\)BreakingDefence](#)

Joint statement on Australia-UK Ministerial Consultations (AUKMIN) July 2025: [\(M\)Defence](#)
AI.gov is here. Here's what it means for Australia: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

Aircraft carriers USS *George Washington*, HMS *Prince of Wales* team up off Australia: [\(M\)USNI](#)

International sister ships meet at sea: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Japan pitches upgraded Mogambi frigate to Australia: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Army

Japan fires missile in Jervis Bay: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Amphibious landing during Talisman Sabre 2025: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

RAAF arms and refuels at austere airfield: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Southeast Asia

Cambodia, Thailand trade fire in fresh border clashes: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Indo Pacific

Friends to all: Fiji prioritises shared values and regional leadership: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Largest military buildup in the Pacific since World War II means network transport must keep up: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

UK

U.S. Marine F-35s operating on U.K. carrier HMS *Prince of Wales*: [\(M\)USNI](#)

British soldiers at risk of brain damage from weapon use: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

US

How China's new rare-earth export controls target the Pentagon – and the world: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

NATO & EU

What to make of Macron's recent defence spending commitment: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Europe and Canada step up naval logistics: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Baltic States pledge to meet NATO's 5% GDP military target: [\(M\)Defense.gov](#)

Middle East

Trump doubles down on claim Iran strike 'completely destroyed' nuclear sites: [\(M\)TheHill](#)

US quits Gaza truce talks, blaming Hamas for failure: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Ukraine

Ukrainian drones strike Russian boat: [\(F\)BeyondMilitary](#)

Australian Abrams battle tanks arrive in Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine proposes summit with Putin, Trump, Zelensky and Erdoğan: [\(M\)TheHill](#)

Russia

Russia cuts 29-Year defense pact with Germany: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

China & Taiwan

The Taiwan scenarios 1: Subversion, quarantine, blockade, invasion: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

China's J-35 naval stealth fighter looks set for service: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

In the latest space race, it's China vs. SpaceX: [\(M\)NYTimes](#)

Undersea sensors – a US trump card China knows it must eliminate: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

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The secret history of British radar: [\(F\)SliceHistory](#)

The untold story of Vietnam's women heroes: [\(F\)WorldatWar](#)